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Fifteen Wisconsin Community Health Centers Receive \$2.4 Million in Federal Funding to Integrate Behavioral Health and Combat the Opioid Crisis

Madison, WI – Wisconsin Community Health Centers have been at the forefront of working to provide Wisconsinites comprehensive, whole-person health care to over 314,000 people across the state. This work includes the integration of behavioral health services – mental health and substance use disorder prevention and treatment – with their primary health care services.

Fifteen Community Health Centers received a little over \$2.4 million in funding through the federal Health Resources and Services Administration's <u>Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)</u> program. This grant funding allows Community Health Center to continue their work in increasing access to high quality, integrated behavioral health services, including the prevention and treatment of opioid use disorder.

"Community Health Centers continue to seek opportunities to leverage federal funding to help supplement the support they receive from the state to meet the continuing need in the communities they serve for mental health and substance use disorder services," said Stephanie Harrison, CEO of the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association (WPHCA). "While progress has been made increasing access to these services, Community Health Centers are still working to ensure that the recovery programs are sustainable and they can hire qualified staff members to best meet significant community needs."

The Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association is the member association for the 17 Community Health Centers across Wisconsin. Community Health Centers provide comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 314,000 people in communities across the state regardless of their ability to pay. Learn more about the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association and Wisconsin's Community Health Centers <u>here</u>.

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